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Sir Knights,

I have just returned from the Mid-Atlantic Department Conference in Maryland. This was an excellent time to be with other Sir Knights from other jurisdictions and to hear what they are each doing. The Grand Commandery of Virginia, under the leadership of their Right Eminent Grand Commander, Michael Huff, are doing some fantastic things. Listening to their presentation on their jurisdiction was nothing short of awe inspiring and gave me hope for the future of Templary across the United States.

The weekend before, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas attended the South-Central Department Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas. This was another great time of fellowship and the sharing of ideas. We were well represented and I was accompanied by Sir Knight Justin D. Crippen, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Dale Morrow, Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Sir Knight Andrew Mosley, Eminent Grand Captain General, Sir Knight Allan Jackson, Right Eminent Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Kelly Long, Eminent Grand Junior Warden, Sir Knight Gary A. Mason, Past Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Wayne Rolf, Past Right Eminent Grand Commander, and Sir Knight Chad Thomas. Sir Knight Chad later attended the leadership course offered by the Grand Encampment.

Each Right Eminent Grand Commander shared the state of their jurisdiction and discussed things they were doing which they believe make their Grand Commandery, and its member Sir Knights, successful. Listening to each one speak brought to mind a few thoughts.

The first was just that we are all Christian Sir Knights, and that is quite a statement. We all love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and we live to serve and worship Him. We are the preeminent Christian Masonic Order in the world! We need to be proud of that fact and willing to share it with others.

The second was the number of great leaders assembled in the room. There were Sir Knights from each jurisdiction and each are leaders in the Craft in their own right. These are the men I look to for ideas and for advice when things get tough.

My prayer for each of you is that you find someone with whom you can go to for comfort when things are difficult, and for assistance and advice when things are going great. We have both extremes during our time on this world and it is important for each of us to discover that one person.

Your faithful servant in the Faith,

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